Lattice approach for studies of interacting non-relativistic fermions

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2 Lattice theory for interacting non-relativistic fermions

3 Some results for unitary fermions in a finite box



MF thoery, DFT, ...

Can we study the interacting many fermions from EFT?

Advertisement : Lattice effective theory for interacting non-relativistic fermions

Advantages :

- 1. Fast No $det(\phi)$, Pairing wave function
- 2. <u>Accurate</u> Improve coupling tuning
- 3. Not severe signal-to-noise(S/N) problem

Goal : Calculate the ground state energy of interacting non-relativistic fermions by measuring the many-particle correlation functions :

 $G_N(\tau) \sim Z_0 e^{-m_0 \tau}$ in the limit of large τ

Pionless effective theory - Continuum

• Continuum theory for non-relativistic fermions with contact interactions

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M})\psi + C_0(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + \cdots$$



• Effective range expansion

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{p \cot \delta - ip}, \qquad p \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r_0 p^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (r_i^2 p^2)^i$$

Example : fermions at unitarity

 $p \cot \delta = 0$, strongly interacting fermions \Rightarrow nonperturbative

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Lattice construction for interacting non-relativistic fermions

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$$S = \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \bar{\psi}_{\mathbf{n}} \left[\psi_{\mathbf{n}} - \psi_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{0}}} - \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{(\psi_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{i}} - 2\psi_{\mathbf{n}} + \psi_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{i}})}{2M} - \sqrt{C_{\mathbf{0}}}\phi_{\mathbf{n}}\psi_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{0}}} + \cdots \right]$$

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$$S = \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \bar{\psi}_{\mathbf{n}} \left[\psi_{\mathbf{n}} - (\mathbf{1} + \sqrt{C_0}\phi_{\mathbf{n}} + \cdots)\psi_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_0} - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{(\psi_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i} - 2\psi_{\mathbf{n}} + \psi_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i})}{2M} \right]$$

• Single fermion propagation over background $\phi\text{-field}$

$$G_1(T) = D^{-1} X(T) D^{-1} \cdots D^{-1} X(0) D^{-1}$$

where

$$D = 1 + \frac{\Delta(\mathbf{p})}{M}, \qquad X(\tau) = 1 + \sqrt{O(\mathbf{p})}\phi(\tau)$$

• Perfect dispersion relation

$$\Delta(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{cases} M(e^{p^2/2M} - 1) & \text{for} \quad |\mathbf{p}| \le \pi \\ 0 & \text{for} \quad |\mathbf{p}| \ge \pi \end{cases}$$

Transfer Matrix



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$$\langle mn|\mathcal{D}^{-1}|m'n'\rangle = \mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{-1}\mathcal{D}_{n,n'}^{-1}, \qquad \langle mn|\mathcal{V}|m'n'\rangle = -O\delta_{mn}\delta_{mm'}\delta_{n,n'},$$

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$$\mathcal{T}\psi = \lambda\psi$$

• Eigenvalue equation

$$1 = rac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} rac{O(\mathbf{q})}{\lambda D^2(\mathbf{q}) - 1}$$

where

$$O(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{n} C_{2n} \mathcal{O}_{2n}(\mathbf{q}), \qquad \mathcal{O}_{2n} = \frac{4\pi}{M} M^{2n} (1 - 1/D^2(\mathbf{q}))^{2n}$$

 Solve the equation for C_{2n} to reproduce Luscher's energy eigenvalues up to (p²)^k in a finite box

- Slater-determinent for 2-component fermions($N_1 = N_2 = N' = N/2$)
 - without pairing wave function very small overlap to true ground state
 - $\bullet\,$ with pairing wave function ψ

$$G_{2N'}(\tau) = \begin{vmatrix} \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 11 \rangle & \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 12 \rangle & \dots & \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 1N' \rangle \\ \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 21 \rangle & \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 22 \rangle & \dots & \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 2N' \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | N'1 \rangle & \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | N'2 \rangle & \dots & \langle \psi | \mathcal{P}(\tau) \mathcal{P}(\tau) | N'N' \rangle \end{vmatrix}$$

• For $N_1 = N_2 - 1$, replace j'th row by

 $\langle j | \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 1 \rangle \quad \langle j | \mathcal{P}(\tau) | 2 \rangle \quad \dots \quad \langle j | \mathcal{P}(\tau) | N_1 \rangle$

• Example of pairing wave functions

• Exact 2-particle wave function

$$\psi_{{\it PAIR1}}(p) = rac{1}{\lambda - 1/D^2(p)}$$

• Wave function interpolating between free and unitary fermions

$$\psi_{PAIR2}(x) = rac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + b^2}}, \quad \psi_{PAIR2}(p) = rac{e^{-bp}}{p^2}$$

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Unitary fermions in a finite box(I)

• Measure the effective mass up to N = 32 in a finite box(Periodic BC)



Unitary fermions in a finite box(II)

• Ground state energy of unitary fermions(Preliminary)



Bertsch parameters

• Universal feature of fermions at unitarity

$$E_{unitary}(\rho) = \xi E_{free}(\rho)$$

• Plot of Bertsch parameters



Pairng Gap

• Pairng gap : energy cost to break a pair(even N)

$$\Delta = E(N+1) - \frac{E(N) + E(N+2)}{2}$$

• Plot of pairng gaps



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Summary and Discussion

- Lattice effective theory large number of interacting non-relativistic fermions
 - No severe signal-to-noise problem
 - Couplings can be tuned to reproduce Lucsher's energy values in a finite box up to p^{2k}
 - Pairing wave functions works well
- Fermions at unitarity(up to N = 32)
 - Bertsch parameter : $\xi = 0.41095$

Effective mass plot : unpaired vs paired



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